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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5846-4]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Information Collection Request for the 1997 State Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs Guidance

AGENCY: Environment Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): The 1997 State Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs Guidance, EPA ICR# 1816.01. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 25, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, MC 4606. U.S. EPA 401 M. St., SW, Washington D.C. 20460. Interested persons may obtain a copy by requesting EPA ICR# 1816.01.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected Entities: Entities affected by this action are States exercising primary enforcement responsibility for public water systems.

Title: The 1997 State Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs Guidance, EPA ICR# 1816.01.

Section 1453 of the Safe Drinking Water Acts Amendments of 1996 authorizes State Source Water Assessment Programs (SWAPs) to achieve or maintain compliance with SDWA requirements and to protect public health.

Abstract: Section 1453(a)(3) of the Safe Drinking Water Act requires States to submit a Source Water Assessment Program within 18 months after the

guidance is issued, on or before August 6, 1997. These SWAPs describe the process by which a State delineates source Water Protection Areas, conducts contamination source inventories and susceptibility analyses, and indicates whether or not it plans to implement a Source Water Protection Program. A State must develop a SWAP with public participation.

Once a State program is approved by EPA, the State has two years to complete the source water assessments for the public water systems within their borders. Section 1453 (a)(4) allows a State to request an extension of up to 18 months to complete the assessments. The extension request must indicate the reason a State requires additional time and must include a description of how and when the State will complete the assessment within the requested extension period. The request must also include information on the progress in implementing the assessments by the end of the first 18 months.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, an information collection request unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2115 hours per State response. The annual cost burden is estimated to average \$70,000.00 per State response. These burden estimates are for both the SWAP proposal and for requested time extensions by States for completion of the assessments. The estimates are based on estimates by four

States of differing size populations and geographic location across the nation's regions. These States also vary by administrative structure for the Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collection, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: 49 States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 49 States.

Frequency of Response for each Individual Information Request: Once.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 103,635 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost Burden: \$3,433,136.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Acid Rain Program: Draft Permits and Permit Modifications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of draft permits and permit modifications.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing for comment draft Phase I Acid Rain permits and permit modifications including nitrogen oxides (NO_x) compliance plans in accordance with the Acid Rain Program regulations (40 CFR parts 72 and 76). Because the Agency does not anticipate receiving adverse comments, the permits and permit modifications are also being issued as a direct final action in the notice of permits and permit